REMARKS

I.   Response to Rejections Under 35 USC§103

At page 2-13 of the Office Action, claims 1-13, 16, 17, 24-27, and 33-36 are rejected under USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Fernandez" (US Patent number 6,697,103) in view of "Wu" (US published patent application 20020180788). The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection because Fernandez, when combined with Wu, does not disclose all of the limitations of the Applicant's claimed invention.

More specifically, neither Fernandez nor Wu disclose, suggest, or mention a method of configuring a user interface that includes "said remote computer *conveying at least one interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer* in accordance with said service program", as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Nor does Fernandez nor Wu disclose, suggest, or mention a method for interacting with a remote computer that includes "*receiving an interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer* in accordance with said service program", as recited in amended independent claim 10.

Nor does Fernandez nor Wu disclose, suggest, or mention a method for cooperating with computer-assisted equipment that includes "transmitting said interface instruction to said computer-assisted appliance, *said interface instruction allowing said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer* in accordance with said service program", as recited in amended independent claim 24.

Nor does Fernandez nor Wu disclose, suggest, or mention computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method that includes "transmitting an interface instruction to said computer-assisted appliance said interface instruction allowing said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program;", as recited in amended independent claim 33.

In Fernandez, an integrated network for monitoring remote objects is disclosed. Fernandez includes a controller 6 (Figure 1) and one or more detectors 3 that couple to continuously to provide digital data stream to the Internet. However, in Fernandez, the communications between the controller 6 and the one or more detectors 3 occurs using well-defined communications protocols, such as TCP/IP, HTTP, and standard languages such as HTML, XML, and the like. Thus, Fernandez has no need for "interface instructions that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer", as recited by the Applicant's independent claims.

As mentioned at page 4, lines 16-27 of the originally-filed specification, an example of an exemplary interface instruction programs or configures the input devices, such as program select switch 110, that allow the user to select one of a list of Internet broadcast stations conveyed by way of remote computer 300. Further, at page 7, line 32 through page 8, line 3, the received interface instruction is converted into at least one appliance-specific instruction according to the particular display capabilities of the appliance as well as the input capabilities of user interface 350. Fernandez is devoid of any such teaching, nor is the need for an interface instruction apparent from Fernandez.

In "Wu", a method of displaying video for e-mails is disclosed. In Wu, a user receiving the e-mail clicks on the e-mail, and a film is automatically displayed within the e-mail format without requiring the user to click on an attached executable file. However, in Wu the communications between the Website and the recipient occurs using well-defined communications protocols. Thus, Wu has no need for "interface instructions that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer", as recited by the Applicant's independent claims.

As neither of the cited references disclose the notion of an "interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer", and as neither reference could be enhanced by the use of an "interface instruction", the combination of the references could not be modified to include all of the limitations of the Applicant's claims.

In view of the amendments to the claims and arguments above, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

At pages 10-11 of the Office Action, claims 14-15 are rejected under USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fernandez in view of Wu and further in view of "Murakoshi" (US Patent number 6,850,971). The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection because the combination does not disclose all of the limitations of the Applicant's claimed invention.

As previously mentioned hereinabove, neither Fernandez nor Wu, when taken either alone or in combination therewith, disclose, suggest, or mention a method for interacting with a remote computer that includes "receiving an interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program", as recited in amended independent claim 10.

In Murakoshi, a system for processing information which reads address information is disclosed. Murakoshi describes a computer for a reproducing medium that includes reading means for reading identification information from a medium set in the computer for identifying the medium. However, Murakoshi does not disclose, suggest, or mention a method for interacting with a remote computer that includes "receiving an interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance with said service program", as recited in amended independent claim 10, from which claims 14 and 15 depend. Further, since all of the communications disclosed in Murakoshi take place by way of standard communications protocols it does not appear that Murakoshi could be enhanced by the use of an "interface instruction", as required by the Applicant's amended claims.
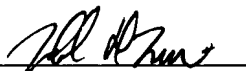
As none of the cited references disclose the notion of an "interface instruction that allows said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer", and as none of the references could be enhanced by the use of an "interface instruction", the combination of the references does not include all of the limitations of the Applicant's claims.

In view of the amendments to the claims and arguments above, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

III.   **Additional Fees**:

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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